

PINJARRA–MANDURAH BUS SERVICE

Petition

MR M.J. COWPER (Murray–Wellington — Parliamentary Secretary) [3.51 pm]: I have a petition for a bus service between Pinjarra and Mandurah train station, couched in the following terms —

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled:

We the undersigned say that: The Murray Shire is growing at 6.5% pa and this year alone 150 new jobs have been created in the Pinjarra Industrial Estate, a new 200 place apprentice training facility has opened, a new swimming pool will open soon in Pinjarra and Indigenous training at Fairbridge is continuing to be an outstanding success.

Additionally a new bus service will service those travelling to and from the Pinjarra Paceway and Race Club, new sub-divisions, schools, shopping centres, aged care and medical facilities.

Residents of the Murray District, who travel to Perth for work, study, medical appointments or recreation are compelled to drive their cars and when they choose to use public transport are compelled to compete for limited parking at the Mandurah Train Station.

The dual lane Pinjarra road is now WA's busiest provincial road outside of the Perth Metropolitan area and carries large volumes of traffic to and from Alcoa's Pinjarra and Wagerup Operations.

Fuel prices are now making Public Transport a necessity in the Murray District, and those outlying towns such as Dwellingup, Waroona and surrounds will be able to park and ride at Pinjarra, taking further pressure off parking at Mandurah Train Station.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly to support our campaign for the Government to provide a regular bus service between Pinjarra and Mandurah.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter your earnest consideration and your petitioners, as is duty bound, will ever pray.

The petition contains 529 signatures, bringing in excess of 2 000 signatures before this place. I wish to table the petition.

[See petition 437.]